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# OVERALL EVALUATION OF ERTS IMAGERY FOR CARTOGRAPHIC APPLICATION

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c.   Problems:  Obtaining imagery in a consistent geometric form and scale
     is the current problem.  This involves the use of an error free projection,
     which with proper corrections, should result in sequential imagery that
     will register to the extent that change detection can be defined in
     an log mode.  A second problem is the variations in the ERTS orbit which
     in many cases exceed the ±10 km desired for image format presentation.

d.   Accomplishments:

     o   The concept of the image format has been emphasized.  An abstract of the
         paper presented on this subject at the American Society of Photo-
         grammetry Symposium at Sioux Falls on Oct. 31 is attached.

     o   A computer printout of the Nominal ERTS scenes for the 48 states has
         been prepared and is being furnished to NASA through experiment No.
         150.

     o   ERTS imagery of coastal areas in Mexico has been obtained and is being
         forwarded to the Defense Mapping Agency for evaluation with respect to
         charting.

     o   A paper relative to the cartographic requirements for an operational
         ERTS type satellite is being prepared for presentation at the NASA
         ERTS symposium during December 1973.

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